

Abstract

An object of the present invention is to effectively and easily manage and use contents. A disc ID database composed of information correlated with disc IDs unique to individual discs is pre-created. When a new disc that has not been registered to the disc ID database is used or when a check-out or a check-in is performed, the disc ID database is updated. When ripping is performed for a CD, a disc for which a check-out is reserved is designated so that the disc is correlated with a disc ID registered in the disc ID database. After the check-out has been reserved, when a disc having the disc ID that has been reserved is connected, the check-out is automatically preformed. Thus, contents can be effectively and easily managed and used.